CLW Response Statement:

Coca Cola Should Further Investigate Yiuwah

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On May 5, Coca Cola informed CLW that it has terminated its orders to Yiuwah factory within the past 5 years.

However, CLW has found several pieces of evidence that Coca Cola products are still produced in the factory.

First, and perhaps most convincing, are pictures our investigators took of the announcement bulletin in front of the factory. These show Coca Cola listed as one of the international companies which purchase goods from Yiuwah. See these pictures on page 2.

Furthermore, Coca Cola is listed as one of the factories buyers on the following Chinese worker recruitment site advertising job openings from Feb-May 2009: http://so.01hr.com/zhaopinwei/3083698.

Finally, a worker resume found in an online resume database states that the worker was in charge of audits for Coca Cola and other international companies while working at Yiuwah from 2003-2005: http://www.sndhr.com/SNDHRWeb/QYFW/WebPage/Aspx/ViewResume.aspx?ResumeID=73742&ResumeListID=73742.

CLW is unable to confirm either Coca Cola’s denial of producing in Yiuwah or the evidence our investigation uncovered to the contrary. While Coca Cola may believe it has terminated its production at Yiuwah factory, it is also possible that other Coca Cola suppliers are themselves moving Coca Cola orders to the Yiuwah factory. CLW urges Coca Cola to further investigate the situation.
Figure 1: Yiuwah announcement board, listing international purchasers

Figure 2: Blown up image of Coca Cola’s name, 可口可乐, from the board